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Apostrophes E

15t. Use an apostrophe and an *s* to form the plurals of letters, numerals, and symbols, and of words referred to as words.

EXAMPLES Paula forgot to dot the *i's* and cross the *t's*.
Mr. Johanson writes *1's* that look like *7's*.
Use fewer *so's* in your writing.

MECHANICS

EXERCISE A Above each underlined item in the following sentences, write the item in its plural form.

Example 1. Did you get any A on your progress report?

- Count the yes and the no.
- How many n and e are in the word *Tennessee*?
- My telephone number has two 2 and two 8.
- Sakura's 4 look like 9.
- There are too many or and but in that paragraph.
- Be sure to write clearly, so people can tell your m and n apart.
- The l in the word *parallel* are parallel to each other.
- Don't forget to use double s and p in the word *Mississippi*.
- All the 4, 5, and 6 are blurred.
- The why and wherefore will be covered later.

EXERCISE B The following letter contains errors in apostrophes in plurals. Insert apostrophes where they are needed, and draw a line through the apostrophes that are not needed.

Example [1] Your capital Y's look like lowercase r's in these note/s to Juan.

Dear Juan,

[11] I'm writing to tell you why 7s are lucky! [12] One of the nearby theaters' had a contest.
[13] How many bean's were in the jar? [14] It's hard to tell by looking, but I decided to try—no *ifs*,
ands, or *buts* about it. [15] My guess was 7,777, which is a lot of 7s. [16] Of all the guesses' submitted,
mine won! [17] The prize was, as you might guess, seven movie ticket's. [18] Are you free to
go to the movies' with me? [19] Get ready for more 7s': The first movie is on July 7 at 7:00 P.M.
[20] Maybe next time 9s will be lucky, and I'll win nine ticket's!

Your friend,

Emily